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FITTING AT BOSTON.

Sch. Alert of This Port Is Going After Weakfish.

The gasoline auxiliary sch. Alert, Capt. John F. Vantier of this port, went to Boston yesterday to fit out for weakfishing, and will take her supply of ice there, on account of the high price here.

During the past 10 days, several vessels have gone from here to Boston to take ice, although the most of them have gone to Boothbay for it, where it is much cheaper. Ice to vessels here is quoted by one concern at \$5 per ton, and the other wholesale company, the Endowed Fishermen's Ice Co., has no ice and has had none for several days. This company has maintained its price of \$3 during the recent scarcity, and the figure will not be changed when more ice can be obtained.

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IN A SEINE.

Baby Swordfish Captured Recently by a Gloucester Fisherman.

Mr. Peter Johnson, of this city, who is now fishing in the Block Island sch. North Star, writes the Times of a very curious capture made by the craft recently while they were fishing out around Block Island for mackerel, hooking and setting around with a seine. On Tuesday last, off Quack's Hole, they raised some fish and set around, and in trying in they found in the twine a young swordfish, which they captured and took on board. When dressed it weighed but 86 pounds.

It was a very small fish to capture and it is very seldom that a swordfish is taken in a seine or net, as they generally break through and escape, leaving a hole for the mackerel to follow them. This is one of the few times one was ever captured in a seine.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Grayling, North Bay, 17 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. William H. Cross, seining, 12 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Catherine G. Howard, seining, 18 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Ramona, via Boston.
- Sch. Oregon, Bacalieu Bank, 70,000 lbs. salt cod, 80,000 lbs. flitch halibut.
- Sch. Annie E. Kimball, Manset, Me., 900 qtls. cured fish.
- Sch. Eddie Minot, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; cusk, \$1.50; hake, \$1.05; pollock, 65 cts.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$4.25 for large \$3.25 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.25.

Salt haddock, \$1.75.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt "drift" cusk, \$2.00.

Salt pollock, \$1.50.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.50 for large, \$2.62 1-2 for medium.

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Bank halibut, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. per lb. for gray.

Large salt mackerel, \$31 per bbl.

Salt medium mackerel, \$25.00 per bbl.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$15 per bbl.

Fresh medium mackerel, 15 1-2 cts. each.

Fresh tinker mackerel, 5 cts. each.

Large fresh mackerel, 20 cts. each.

Round pollock, 90 cts. per cwt.

Shore salt herring, \$2.50 per bbl. clear of the barrel.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Henry M. Stanley, with 175,000 pounds of salt cod, and sch. Corona, hailing for 100,000 pounds, were at North Sydney, C. B., recently.

Sch. Teazer was at Liverpool, N. S., Thursday.

Mackerel News.

The fare of sch. Dauntless sold to George Perkins & Co. for a lump sum, \$450.

The fare of sch. N. A. Rowe sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

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THE POTOMAC SAILS.

Enthusiastic Salutes from Craft in Port Saturday.

Goes to Treaty Coast To Observe Herring Fishery Operations.

The United States government tug Potomac, in command of Lieut. Hines, U. S. N., with a crew of 40 men, and carrying Mr. A. B. Alexander, the representative of the state department, who will observe the fishing operations and other possible occurrences this fall and winter on the treaty coast of Newfoundland, sailed from here Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The craft, which has been lying at the "deep hole" for the past few days, got her anchor quietly and then swung round and steamed down the harbor. As she did so she was greeted with a grand salute from the whistles of all the tugs and lighters in the harbor, as well as the factories along shore and the saluting was continued until the craft was well down beyond Ten Pound Island.

Beside the salutes of whistles, the vessels in port took part in the wishes of bon voyage, for their crews got the fog horns on deck and added a genuine fishermen touch to the saluting. Many of them also got out their flags and waved them repeatedly. The Potomac responded to the salutes and her big whistle was kept busy every minute until she was well down the harbor.

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Brought Salt Bank Fare Here.

Sch. Lizzie Griffin, which has been on a handline trip, came here from Orland, Me., her home port, with a full fare, which has been bought by Cunningham & Thompson.

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Provincetown Schooner Sold.

The well known Provincetown sch. Glenelg has been sold to the Savannah Fish Co. of Savannah, Georgia.

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THE SPONGE FISHER.

He Must Have Strength, a Quick Eye and a Deft Hand.

Lying on his chest along the boat's deck, the sponge fisher, with his water glass—a pane set in a box fitted with handles—looks down forty feet into the clear depths. With one hand he grasps and sinks a slender pole, sometimes fifty feet in length, fitted at the end with a double hook. The sponge once discovered, the hook is deftly inserted at the rocky base, and by a sudden jerk the sponge is detached.

This curt description of what seems the simple work of sponge fishing gives no idea of the real skill and exertion needed. The eye of the fisher has to be trained by long experience to peer into the sea and tell the commercially valuable sponges from those that are worthless. He must have a deft hand to detach the sponge without a tear.

Above all, while doing this with one hand, he must manipulate with the other the water glass, as the waves sway it sideways and up and down. The strain on eye and body is most intense, to say nothing of the cramped position and exposure to wind and wet, which, first and last, make every sponge fisher a victim of acute rheumatism. Yet, with all his arduous toil, an expert sponge fisher earns not more than £3 a month besides his keep on the boat, which barely deserves the name of existence.—Pearson's Weekly.

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WITH FULL TRIP.

Sch. Monitor at Provincetown With Big Salt Cod Fare.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. Tony Leighton of Provincetown, arrived at her home port Tuesday noon from the Grand Banks, swinging the stars and stripes at the truck, in token of a full fare—the first time, by the way, a Provincetown banker has thus flaunted her flag in the past five or six years.

The Monitor sailed for the banks about the middle of June. From the date of her sailing until her arrival no tidings had been forthcoming from the craft.

She went direct to the Virgin rocks, where in company with the Lottie Byrnes and the Gladstone, she found cod and squid plentiful and experienced pleasant weather, securing her full fare at that well-known fishing spot.

The Monitor reports that the Gladstone left the banks full of fish one day ahead of the Monitor, and when the latter left the rocks, the Byrnes needed but two days' fishing to fill up. During the last of the trip the Monitor's men secured two dory loads of fish each per day.

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SPRAY HAS ANOTHER FARE.

Damaged Her Big Trawl On the Trip Just Finished.

The steam otter trawler Spray is at T wharf, Boston, today, with another good fare, about 85,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock. The trawl was damaged on this trip, but was repaired so that the craft continued fishing.



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## MORE FLITCHERS HOME.

### Only Two More of the Fleet Now Remain to Arrive.

Two more of the flitched halibut fleet have arrived since Saturday, sch. Smuggler, Capt. Joseph Bonia, having 90,000 flitches and a few salt cod, and sch. Dora A. Lawson, Capt. John Marshall, with 85,000 flitches, and a few salt cod. These are fair trips and better than the fares of last season.

The Lawson had her flag at half mast for the supposed loss of Charles Malmberg and Patrick Manahan, but it was hauled down when Capt. Marshall was told that they had been picked up.

But two of the flitched halibut fleet now remain to arrive, schs. Pinta and Arbutus, and they are expected soon.

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## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges, 17,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Kineo, Georges, 22,000 lbs. salt cod, 12,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Latona, Georges, 6000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Eglantine, Georges.

Sch. Maryland, Banks, 150,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Smuggler, Bacalien Bank, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 90,000 lbs. flitched halibut.

Sch. Dora A. Lawson, Bacalien Bank, 7000 lbs. salt cod, 85,000 lbs. flitched halibut.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, Bay of Fundy, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Lillian, Tremont, Me., 800 qtls. cured fish.

Sch. Jubilee, Rips, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Valentina, shore.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.

Sch. David Sherman, shore.

Sch. Frank Munroe, shore.

Sch. Evangeline, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Rebecca, Rips.

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Salt medium mackerel, \$26.00 per box.

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Large fresh mackerel, 20 cts. each.

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## Boston.

Sch. Florida, 30 swordfish.

Sch. Massasoit, 33 swordfish.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 500 haddock, 3000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Illinois, 80,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, 14,000 cod.

Sch. William H. Rider, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 1 swordfish, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 5000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Hope, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Pythian, 36 swordfish.

Sch. Actor, 1000 haddock, 4500 pollock.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 15,000 cod.

Str. Isabel, 100 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, 15,000 cod.

Str. Spray, 80,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 20,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 30,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Priscilla, 38 swordfish.

Sch. Appomattox, 20,000 cod.

Haddock, \$2 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$1.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$2 to \$2.50; swordfish, 12 cts. per lb.; fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Joseph Graham is fitting sch. Evelyn I. Smith for pollocking. Some of the netters have struck good herring fishing off Thachers the past few days. The traps at Nahant and also Blaney's trap at West Beach made good hauls Saturday and Capt. Marchant at Lanesville also got 20 barrels.

### Mackerel News.

The fare of sch. Kentucky sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. for a lump sum.

The fare of sch. Catherine G. Howard sold to William H. Jordan & Co.

The fare of sch. William H. Cross sold to Fred Bradley for \$26.50 per barrel for mediums and \$15.50 per barrel for tinkers, the highest prices of the season.

The fare of sch. N. A. Rowe sold to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

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## WORST FOR YEARS.

### Terrible Storm Swept Newfoundland and Labrador Coast.

### Eighteen Vessels Lost and Worse Disaster Feared.

A St. John's, N. F., despatch of yesterday says: Besides 11 schooners wrecked at Belle Isle recently by storms, seven others with more than 100 persons on board were driven ashore on the Labrador coast. Four fatalities only are reported thus far.

It is feared worse disasters occurred on the northern part of the coast, word from which is yet to be received.

More than 250 castaways are now awaiting the arrival of a government steamer to convey them home.

This is the worst disaster since 1886, when 868 fisher folk were made destitute by a single storm, and it required a steamer to return them home.

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## BIG ADVANCE.

### Fresh Hake and Fresh Cusk Boosted in Great Shape.

There was some lively bidding this morning on the fare of fresh fish of sch. Ella M. Goodwin, which came in late yesterday afternoon with a big trip, about 135,000 pounds, mostly hake and cusk. These two kinds of fish were the object of the bidding, which started when the fare was placed on the market. The last previous sales of these fish were \$1.05 per hundred weight for hake and \$1.50 for cusk. The principal bidders were the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. and Davis Bros. and the fare was finally secured by Davis Bros. at \$1.30 for hake and \$1.65 for cusk.

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### Flitched Halibut Fares Yet Unsold

No prices have yet been made on the three fares of flitched halibut now in port, although it is probable that the trips will go to the owners of the vessels, the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. having schs. Dora A. Lawson and Smuggler and Davis Bros. having sch. Oregon.

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## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Lafayette, shore, 15,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Cape Shore, 135,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ellen F. Gleason, seining, 15 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Lena and Maud, seining, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Argo, seining, 24 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, seining, 6 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, seining, 20 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Kernwood, seining, 7 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. William H. Rider, via Boston.

Sch. Illinois, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Eddie A. Minot, shore.

Sch. Sylph, via Boston.

Sch. Monitor, Banks, dory handling, 225,000 lbs. salt cod.

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Salt cusk, \$2.25.

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